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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Saylor, George
Title	George Saylor letter
Date	1862
Extent	0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder
Language	English
Text [Folder]	S1137

Preferred Citation

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Scope and Contents

This collection includes 3 items: a letter dated November 2, 1940, from Mrs. R.H. McCletald; a daguerreotype of George Saylor; and a handwritten letter dated May 24, 1862 addressed to Robert Blakely, Esq., from George Saylor of the 15th Indiana Regiment, regarding preparation for the Siege of Corinth, and Indiana Governor O.P. Morton's speech before the 15th Indiana Regiment at Corinth on May 23, 1862.

The letter reportedly was written by Indiana Civil War soldier George Saylor on May 24, 1862, from Head Quarters, Army of the Mississippi, near Corinth, Mississippi, to Robert Blakely. Saylor speaks of Union success at the Battle of Pittsburg Landing (Shiloh), and recounts preparation for imminent battle at Corinth, detailing the building of fortifications utilizing local fence railing while under enemy fire. Saylor also describes how on the morning before, (May 23, 1862), Indiana Governor O.P. Morton made a stirring speech to the 15th Indiana Regiment about bravery on the battlefield, and that Morton would "with pleasure promote all those of the Indiana Boys who proved their bravery by daring deeds of". The handwritten letter stops abruptly at this point. A letter from Mrs. R.H. McCletald, dated November 2, 1940, identifies Robert Blakely, Esq., as her uncle, who was furloughed at the time Saylor's letter was written. Mrs. McCletald writes that George Saylor was struck and killed while seated on a log writing the letter, explaining why the letter was not finished.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged by subject.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- United States. Army. Indiana Infantry Regiment, 15th (1861-1865).

Genre(s)

- Correspondence

Geographic Name(s)

- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Military life
- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Personal narratives

Personal Name(s)

- Morton, Oliver P. (Oliver Perry) 1823-1877

Subject(s)

- Siege and Battle of Corinth Commission (Corinth, Miss.)